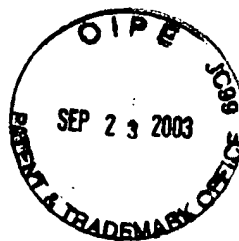
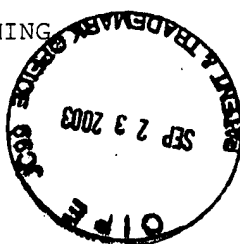


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 [] A petition for extension of time is enclosed.
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